## YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

# 1997 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Note: USDA defines a farm as "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year."

## Number of Farms – 1,097

Land in Farms – **1,526,007 acres** 

Average Size of Farm – 1,391 acres

Value of Land and Buildings – Average per Farm -- \$524,451 Value of Land and Buildings – Average per Acre -- \$372 Estimated Market Value of all Machinery and Equipment-Average per Farm -- \$57,202

## Farms by Size:

- > 1-9 acres-----59
- > 10-49 acres-----297
- > 50-79 acres-----203
- > 180-499 acres-----187
- > 500-999 acres-----95
- > 1,000 acres or more----256

Irrigated Acres – 80,024

Dryland Farming Acres – 301,366

Range and Pasture Acres – 1,144,617

## Operators by Principal Occupation:

- ➤ Farming 587
- ➤ Other 510

## Number of Farms by Agricultural Product

## Livestock

- ➤ Cattle and Calves 675
- ➤ Beef Cows 564
- ➤ Hogs/Pigs 13
- ➤ Sheep/Lambs 97
- ➤ Layers/Pullets 42

## Crops

- ➤ Corn 114
- ➤ Wheat 208
- ➤ Barley 179
- ➤ Oats 31
- ➤ Sugar Beets 81
- ➤ Hay -- 595

Based on U.S. Dept. of Agriculture 1997 Census of Agriculture. Compiled by: Paul Dixon, Yellowstone County Extension Agent, County Courthouse Room 106, P.O. Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107.

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